THUNDER BAY CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

FIFTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026 - 6:30 P.M.

Present: Trustees Eleanor Ashe, Leanne Fonso, Dina McFarlane, Sarah Pelletier, Tony Romeo, Francis Veneruz; Student Trustees Via Kembel, Christina Tassone, Madeline Wood

Administration: JP Tennier, Frank Lacaria, Brent Mandryk, Allison Sargent, Jill Thompson

Guests: Teacher Kayla Agbo and St. Ignatius student performers; Alexandra Franków, Communications Officer; Grace Pocion, Elementary Coordinator; Ryan McWhirter, System Principal; Principal Cynthia Gordon and PQP Candidates John Bortolussi, Cheryl Guerriero, Amber Hygaard, Sean McFarlane, Rylee Olesko, Craig Priestlay, Marguerite Redfern-Pucci, and Chris Torma

Recorder: Kim Strickland, Executive Assistant

1.	CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER Chair Veneruz called the meeting to order. Trustee Fonso read the Land Acknowledgement. Fr. Ciarán Donnelly led the opening prayer.
2.	APPROVAL OF AGENDA Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee McFarlane **THAT** THE AGENDA FOR THE FIFTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, BE APPROVED. RES #B3810 CARRIED
3.	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST "Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1983, the following Trustees disclosed their interest and stated the general nature of their interest:" NIL
4.	IN-CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION Moved by Trustee Pelletier Seconded by Trustee Ashe **THAT** THE BOARD NOW RESOLVE INTO IN-CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION WITH TRUSTEE FONSO IN THE CHAIR TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: 4.1 - Personnel Matter 4.2 - Personnel Matter 4.3 - Financial Matter 4.4 - Personnel Matter 4.5 - Personnel Matter AND **THAT** THIS MEETING SHALL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 207(2) OF THE EDUCATION ACT. RES #B3811 CARRIED

5.	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
	5.1 Fourth Regular Board Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2026 Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Ashe **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOURTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026. RES #B3812 CARRIED
6.	DELEGATIONS AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS
	6.1 MUSICAL PRESENTATION Superintendent Sargent introduced teacher Kayla Agbo and two students from St. Ignatius High School who performed a song from the upcoming musical, "Frozen".
	6.2 COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE Alexandra Frankow, Communications Officer, and Brent Mandryk, Superintendent of Business & Corporate Service, provided an update on Communications within our Board.
	6.3 LITERACY UPDATE Superintendents Lacaria and Sargent introduced Grace Pocion, Elementary Coordinator, and Ryan McWhirter, System Principal, who provided an overview of our language programs and international exams as well as a summary of changes, progress to date and future plans.
	6.4 BOARD STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PLAN UPDATE Superintendent Allison Sargent provided an update on the 2024-2025 Board Student Achievement Plan.
7.	COMMITTEE REPORTS
	7.1 STUDENT TRUSTEE UPDATE Student Trustees Via Kembel (St. Ignatius), Christina Tassone (St. Patrick) and Madeline Wood (Indigenous Student Trustee) provided an update on the activities at their schools. Names of the newly elected student trustees for 2026-2027 were shared: Hayleigh Posselwhite (St. Patrick), Max Vieira (St. Ignatius), and Matthew Sacchetti (Indigenous Student Trustee). The trustees-elect will be guests at the May and June Board meetings.
8.	REPORT OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION
	Moved by Trustee Veneruz Seconded by Trustee McFarlane **THAT** WE RISE AND REPORT PROGRESS AND ASK SIT IN PUBLIC SESSION. RES #BIC2710 CARRIED Moved by Trustee McFarlane Seconded by Trustee Romeo **THAT** THE REPORT OF THE IN-CAMERA SESSION BE APPROVED. RES #B3813 CARRIED
9.	ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

	9.1 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2026-2027 Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Pelletier **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES THE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 TO JUNE 2027 AS PRESENTED. RES #B3814 CARRIED
	9.2 POLICY 818: CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK Moved by Trustee Fonso Seconded by Trustee McFarlane **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES REVISED *POLICY 818: CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK* AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2026. RES #B3815 CARRIED
	9.3 POLICY 1011: USE OF VOLUNTEERS Moved by Trustee Ashe Seconded by Trustee Romeo **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES REVISED *POLICY 1011: USE OF VOLUNTEERS* AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2026. RES #B3816 CARRIED
	9.4 POLICY 904: RESEARCH ACTIVITIES Moved by Trustee McFarlane Seconded by Trustee Badanai **THAT** THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES REVISED *POLICY 904: RESEARCH ACTIVITIES* AS PRESENTED, EFFECTIVE APRIL 21, 2026. RES #B3817 CARRIED
10.	ITEMS OF INFORMATION
	10.1 – CPIC MEETING MINUTES Superintendent Frank Lacaria presented the minutes of the CPIC meeting from November 30, 2025.
	10.2 – IEAC MEETING MINUTES Superintendent Frank Lacaria presented the minutes of the IEAC meeting from January 22, 2026.
	ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER (Trustee Fonso) Moved by Trustee Badanai Seconded by Trustee Ashe **THAT** THE FIFTH REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026, ADJOURN AT 8:35 P.M. RES #B3818 CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD	SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

May 11, 2026
DATE